



# City of Alexandria

## Transportation Commission

### Regular Meeting

February 5, 2014

7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Room

### MINUTES

**Commissioners Present:** Kerry Donley, Councilman Lovain, John Komoroske, Monica Starnes, Louisa Ward and Maria Wasowski

**Staff Present:** Carrie Beach - P&Z, Karen Callaham – T&ES, Sandra Marks – T&ES, Marti Reinfeld – T&ES, Steve Sindiong - T&ES, Raymond Mui – DASH, Chris Bever - OMB

Acting Chair, Commissioner Donley called the Transportation Commission meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

#### **1. January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Donley asked if there were any comments or edits regarding the January 2014 meeting minutes. Councilman Komoroske made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Lovain seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion to approve the minutes was voted on and unanimously approved.

#### **2. Updates To Receive**

The Commission received written staff updates on the Funding Update, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 70% Funds, Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, Route 1 Transitway, Lower King Street Pedestrian Study and the Pedestrian and the Bicycle Master Plan Update. Commissioner Donley inquired about the NVTA and their 70% dollars and Commission's request for NVTA staff to reserve of \$58 million for the Potomac Yard Metro project. He also inquired about the EIS schedule for Potomac Yard Metro and his concern that the new revised alternative B is problematic and less financially viable and that the project will be two years behind the original schedule. Staff replied that NVTA received the request before Council raised the reserved amount to \$66 million; that the Draft EIS is being finalized and is scheduled to be released next week; and that staff is continuing a dialogue with CSX while moving forward on financial models. There were no additional requests from Commissioners to discuss any other staff updates. The Commission accepted the updates.

### **3. FY 2015-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Public Hearing**

Chris Bever of OMB gave an overview of the FY 2015-2024 CIP high level development and how funding for CIP projects come from the City's general fund, state transit funds based on performance, the 2.2% transportation tax, grants and other non-City sources of funding including developer contributions. He spoke of how the project rankings help to make informed budget decisions. T&ES staff Sandra Marks reported on new funding, impacts to the 2015 budget, transportation expenditures, new TIP projects, and TIP operating expenses. T&ES staff Marti Reinfeld spoke on the changes in funding and shifts in current TIP projects. After staff presentations, Commissioner Donley asked Commissioners if they had any questions. There being no questions, the Public Hearing was opened. Citizen James Durham inquired about the multi modal bridge planned for the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan to connect Eisenhower to Duke Street and if it was still part of the budget. Staff reported only projects where funding and priority changes occurred were discussed and neither was the case for the bridge. There being no other speakers the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Donley made a motion to endorse the funding increases as presented by staff regarding the FY 2015 -2024 CIP projects and their priorities and the expanded definition in the use of TIP dollars for operating and maintenance of the existing transportation infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wasowski, voted on and unanimously approved.

### **4. Commission Updates**

Commissioner Donley reported that the DASH Board will have a meeting on February 6 and he will report at the Commission's next meeting.

Councilman Lovain reported the Transportation Planning Board committed to the goal those low income seniors, people with disabilities and those who speak English as a second language and full access of transportation as others.

Commissioner Komoroske reported that the Planning Commission discussed the Health Department project need for a more comprehensive policy on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He also reported that Nathan Macek will replace Commissioner Komoroske on the Transportation Commission as the representative from the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Starnes reported that the Environmental Policy Commission supports the staff recommendation for the King Street Bicycle Lanes project.

### **5. Other Business**

Jennifer Mitchell has stepped down as Chair of the Transportation Commission due to her new position with Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Commissioner Komoroske has resigned from the Transportation Commission due to his moving out of the area. Chair elections will be held at the March meeting. The Transportation Commission's new meeting date on the third Wednesday of each month will begin May 21.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Commissioner Donley made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded, voted on and unanimously approved.